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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XM, XL

SUBJECT: REACTION OF HAITIAN LEADERSHIP TO QUITO MFM

REF: STATE 252031

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS, TO WHOM I CONVEYED POINTS PARA 7  
REFTEL ON NOVEMBER 20, COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON QUITO MFM:

2. ATMOSPHERE IN QUITO WAS NOTICEABLY TROUBLED, WITH POLICE  
FORCED TO STRONGARM LEFTWING STUDENTS AND MILITARY MUCH IN  
EVIDENCE. THIS COULD NOT BUT AFFECT ECUADOR'S POSITION IN MFM.

3. ADVOCATES OF LIFTING SANCTIONS, NOTABLY FASCIO OF COSTA RICA,  
OFTEN SOUNDED NAKEDLY COMMERCIAL NOTE, AS IF EXPECTED TRADE  
ADVANTAGES ALONE RATHER THAN ANY REAL INTEREST IN RESUMING  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SHOULD SUFFICE. ONE FOREIGN MINISTER (BERGES  
OF DR) WHEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN HIS PRO-CASTRO STANCE, SAID HE WAS  
CANDIDATE FOR OAS SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THIS WAY COULD COUNT ON  
RECEIVING AT LEAST 12 VOTES. BRUTUS ASKED BERGES WHETHER HE WAS  
NOT PLACING PERSONAL AMBITION BEFORE INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY.

4. NEUTRAL ATTITUDE OF USDEL STRUCK BRUTUS AS EMINENTLY WISE,  
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TACTICALLY. IF PRO-CASTRO DELEGATES WERE ANNOYED WITH THIS

POSTURE, THIS WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAD NO BASIS FOR USUAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT US "PRESSURE". HAD SECRETARY HIMSELF BEEN THERE THESE ARGUMENTS COULD HAVE BEEN PLAYED MORE EASILY. HIS ABSENCE, BRUTUS THOUGHT, WAS FORTUNATE.

5. IMPLICATIONS FOR INTRA-OAS RELATIONS, BRUTUS FELT, WERE DISHEARTENING. BRUTUS SHARED SILVEIRA'S INDIGNATION AT FAILURE OF OTHERS TO CONSULT WITH GOB IN ADVANCE. HE EXPRESSED DISDAIN FOR THOSE WHO WINKED AT CASTRO'S OPENLY CONTEMPTUOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD OAS. IN BRUTUS'S VIEW THEY SEEMED QUITE PREPARED TO OFFER CUBA A NEW FORUM FOR INSULTING LA NEIGHBORS, WITHOUT SEEKING ANY CUBAN PERFORMANCE.

6. IN AFTERMATH OF QUITO BRUTUS SPECULATED THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS WOULD UNDERGO UPHEAVALS IN COMING MONTHS AS CONSERVATIVE AND MILITARY ELEMENTS REACTED AGAINST PRO-CASTRO STANCE ADOPTED BY THEIR DELEGATIONS, SHARPENING THE LEFT/RIGHT DIVISIONS SO PREVALENT IN LA.

7. BRUTUS EMPHATICALLY AGREED WITH POINT IN OUR COMMENTARY THAT THERE ARE MANY ISSUES MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CUBA PROBLEM.

8. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH ME LATER IN DAY, PRESIDENT DUVALIER EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION OVER QUITO MFM OUTCOME AND HIS ADMIRATION FOR POSITION TAKEN BY U.S. HAITI'S POSITION TOWARD CUBA HAD NOT CHANGED; THE LESS SHE HAD TO DO WITH CASTRO THE BETTER; AND US POLICY ON THIS ISSUE WOULD CONTINUE TO GUIDE THAT OF HAITI, HE SAID.  
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